Achievement of the Targets of Vocatio , .naiisation of Secondary Education

923. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the national policy on education, 1986 had stipulated that 10 per cent coverage would be achieved by 1990 regarding vocationalisation of secondary education;

(b) if so, what is the actual achieve ment and what are the reasons for the shortfalls if any; and

(c) what corrective measures have been initiated to ensure that the Scheme of vocationalisation of secon dary education is implemented accord ing to the targets fixed for 1990 and 1995 (25 per cent)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The actual achievement varies ir. different States|UTs and the percentage of students in the vocational stream ranges between 0.7 in Assam to 230 in Tamil Nadu.

Some of the main reasons for the shortfall are:

(i) The progress of implementation of the scheme has been slow in many States and some States |UTs are yet to take up the programme;

(ii) Inadequate Management struc-ture and lack of trained teachers;

(iii) Delay in amendment of recruitment rules;

(iv) Lack of effective coordinating mechanism at the State & Central levels.

(c) The scheme and its implementation are being reviewed for taking corrective measures. The States | UTs are being advised to create a proper management structure, intensify train ing of vocational staff, amend Recruitment Rules, conduct vocational surveys and establish linkages between the vocational courses and employment opportunities in the organised and self-employment sectors.

Increased financial assistance to the States|UTs will facilitate the expansion of the programme.

Submergence of Ancient Buildings in Madhya Pradesh

924. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1552 " given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the survey work regarding the wealth of Archaeological importance coming in the submergence of Narbada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken for salvaging of standing Archaeological wealth in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The Archaeological Survey of India has completed the survey work in the submergence area of the Narbada Sagar;, and so far as Sardar Sarovar is concerned, preliminary ex-

plorations have been carried out.

(b) As a result of these exploratory surveys, Prehistoric implements, ancient ceramics, sculptures, medieval temples and structural remains and other antiquities have been found.